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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97 et seq., Applicants, through and by their attorneys, hereby wish to direct the Examiner's attention to the documents listed on the modified PTO 1449 Form. A copy of each non-U.S. patent document listed on the form is also presented herewith for the Examiner's review and convenience. Cited U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications are not included in accordance with the U.S. Patent Office waiver of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98 (a)(2)(i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and each U.S. patent application publication for all U.S. national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003 and for all international applications that have entered the national stage under 35 USC 371 after June 30, 2003.

Applicants also wish to bring the following commonly-assigned pending patent applications to the attention of the Examiner:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/439,426 (Docket No. 18940) filed May 16, 2003, by Joseph Mitchell et al. for "A DISPENSER FOR SHEET MATERIAL".

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/439,421 (Docket No. 18941) filed May 16, 2003, by Joseph Mitchell et al. for "A DISPENSER FOR SHEET MATERIAL".

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/439,424 (Docket No. 18942) filed May 16, 2003, by Joseph Mitchell et al. for "A DISPENSER FOR SHEET MATERIAL".

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/439,443 (Docket No. 19370) filed May 16, 2003, by Joseph Mitchell et al. for "A DISPENSER FOR SHEET MATERIAL".

These applications are not listed on the accompanying PTO Form 1449, however, copies are provided herewith.

By inclusion of any given document in this Information Disclosure Statement, Applicants in no way admit that such document is effective as prior art against the above-identified application under either 35 U.S.C. 102 or 35 U.S.C. 103.

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The Examiner is requested to review each cited document and personally determine its prior art status.

Applicants recommend that the Examiner conduct an independent search for any and all available material prior art and independently review the results of such search and the documents cited within this Statement.

Applicants request the Examiner, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97, to indicate and make of record receipt and review of all of these documents by initialing the appropriate box in the accompanying PTO-1449. Applicants request that the undersigned receive a copy of the initialed PTO-1449.

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